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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM GOE COMMITTEE ON HISTORY OF  
REVOLUTION

1. PRESIDENT SADAT HAS ESTABLISHED COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY  
VP MUBARAK, TO WRITE HISTORY OF 1952 REVOLUTION. COMMITTEE HAS  
ALREADY BEGUN ITS WORK BY SUMMONING WITNESS AND SOLICITING  
TESTIMONY.

2. COMMITTEE MEMBER LIALA TAQLA, ARTICULATE  
AND ENERGETIC PEOPLES ASSEMBLY MEMBER, INTENDS VISIT US MID-  
FEBRUARY IN PART TO UNDERTAKE RESEARCH ON SUBJECT. SHE WILL  
NOT LIMIT HERSELF TO POST-1952 PERIOD, BUT ALSO INTENDS RESEARCH  
ROOTS OF REVOLUTION. SHE HAS ASKED USG ASSISTANCE IN FOLLOWING  
AREAS:

A. SHE WOULD LIKE LIST OF BOOKS PUBLISHED IN US ON GENERAL  
TOPIC 1952 REVOLUTION, SOME OF WHICH SHE WOULD PURCHASE IN US  
FOR STUDY IN EGYPT. EQUIPPED WITH THIS LIST, SHE WOULD BE  
PREPARED TO GO TO LIBRARY OF CONGRESS OR ANY OTHER SUGGESTED  
RESEARCH FACILITY TO DO PRELIMINARY RESEARCH.

B.

B. SHE WISHES CONFER WITH ACADEMICS IN US WHO  
SPECIALIZE IN CONTEMPORARY EGYPTIAN POLITICS AND IS PREPARED  
TRAVEL ANYWHERE IN CONTINENTAL US FOR THIS PURPOSE.

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3. EMBASSY WISHES TO BE HELPFUL TO VP'S EFFORTS. IF DEPARTMENT AMENABLE, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT NEA/EGY, IN COORDINATION WITH EGYPTIAN EMBASSY AND DEPT LIBRARY, MIGHT REQUEST LIST OF RESEARCH MATERIALS FROM LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TO BE READY FOR DR. TAQLA'S ARRIVAL, EXACT DATE OF WHICH SHE WILL CONFIRM SOON. (AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, DR. DANIEL BOORSTIN IS DUE IN CAIRO FEBRUARY 25-27. ALTHOUGH SHE WILL BE IN US AT THAT TIME, DR. TAQLA INTENDS SUGGEST TO VP HE MIGHT LIKE TO CHAT WITH DR. BOORSTIN ON HOW HISTORY SHOULD BE WRITTEN). WE WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT NEA/EGY CHECK WITH SPECIALISTS AT WASHINGTON-AREA UNIVERSITIES IN ORDER PREPARE LIST OF OUTSTANDING AMERICAN ACADEMICS WITH WHOM DR. TAQLA MIGHT WISH CONSULT IN US.  
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